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Editorial.

IN commencing the publication of this paper we have striven to give you one entirely different from any now in existence. We have thought all along that there was too much sameness in the majority of our present philatelic magazines. For this and other reasons, we have decided to keep off the

beaten path of philatelic journalism and will paddle our own canoe. We propose giving an entirely new typographical appearance i. e. new in philately. At present it is difficult to do all we would like to. We realize that before we can expect the support of philatelists we must convince them that we mean business and are confident that the support will be given us in due season. We shall always give full value for money received and as our support increases so will the quality of our journal in every respect. We appear at a very opportune time. September always ushers in the new season. The holidays are past and now to stampdom. In the above few lines the reader will have a fair idea of what we intend making the CANADIAN COLLECTOR and hope the same will create a favorable impression. Very truly yours.

The Publisher.

The Outlook.

THE prospects for a brilliant philatelic season are exceedingly bright. In all branches of business an exceptionally good autumn is anticipated. Philately will undoubtedly share this and we say with fervor "It is good." Already we have noted with pleasure, in our local philatelic friends an increased zeal in the "wee bits." Some who have taken no interest in stamps for several years, are going into

things philatelic with renewed vigor. We hope this is universally the case. the past year has been none too busy forstamp dealers and the croakers have croaked loud and long that philately was doomed. But we have every reason to expect the season of 1898-99 will be a banner year and should cause these gruesome croakers to sink into oblivion.

Our Next Issue.

OUR next issue will appear Dec. 10th, in time for the Xmas trade. We ask the support of the trade and promise to do our best to deserve it. We intend to pay special attention to the display of advertisements. We think the advertising pages of the COLLECTOR show up better than those of any other Canadian stamp paper. Our rates are low at present, 25c an inch, and it will be to your advantage to make use of our columns especially while the rates are low.

Number two will be improved in different ways, we intend to enlarge it and will have it profusely illustrated.

We have made arrangements with the Philatelic Advocate—Canada's best monthly—and the Boys' Own Philatelist—America's best boy's paper—whereby we can offer these two papers and the COLLECTOR one year for 25c.

Buying Stamps.

Written
For the
CANADIAN
COLLECTOR
By
Herbert I. Watts.

MANY collectors are careless in buying stamps for their collection. They are unable to resist the temptation to buy because they are offered stamps at a big discount. In purchasing stamps every specimen should be as carefully considered as though you were buying as an investment alone. Only perfect specimens should be bought.

Then, one should consider the actual value of a stamp as opposed to the catalogue value. Many stamps listed at five cents are worth more than others priced at twenty-five cents. Demand makes the catalogue price, while scarcity makes the actual value. I will give an instance of this. Recently I came into possession of a lot of Central American stamps, used and on the original cover. They were only "Seebecks" and catalogued at a low price, yet because they were scarce on the original covers I got ten times catalogue for them. Unused they would have been "gumbugs," but used they were real stamps.

Now, when you spend a dollar (or less) for stamps, consider

what you are doing and invest your money wisely. Don't go after the modern commemerative stamps but search out the dealer who has real stamps for sale and when you spend your money for them you are placing it where it will draw good interest.

I consider the following countries as having the best stamps for investment by the collector who wants stamps that are worth the money he puts in them:—Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Natal, Tasmania, Central America (used only,) Jamaica and Brazil. Others are good, but for myself I prefer the ones named.

The Field Post Service in the Republic of the United Netherlands.

By F. P.

IN the 17th century the present states of Holland and Belgium were one country under name of General Staaten der Vereinigten Niederlande (General States of the United Netherlands.) In the year 1740, some years before the states were founded, the country was partly under French rule and partly under Austrian (at that time the Holy Roman Empire of German nations) rule. The Netherlands in their need called to Great Britain for help and in 1745 an English army came over and united with the troops of the Netherlands. The army's headquarters were in and around Breda (Holland) while the French army was concentrated around and in Ant-

werp (Belgium) and the Austrian headquarters were at Brussels (Belgium.) In 1776 the first Field Post service of the Netherlands was established at Breda (Holland) The Netherlandish postoffice at Amsterdam forwarded all mail for the armies to Strigen-Sas, situated on the northern shore of the Hollandish Dieps. To this point messengers of the Netherlandish army came, and rowed the mail in boats over the Dieps and then carried it on horseback by messengers to the headquarters at Breda. The mail for the British auxilliary army, arriving from England, was forwarded by a vessel to the Netherlandish frontier and then by riding messengers and also by mail wagons to to Brielle on the Maas river, and from there to Strigen-Sas at which city an English post official cared for the delivery to the army. Meantime the year 1793 had arrived and William, Prince of Nassau-Orange as Commander in chief of the Netherlandish army, was invading the Austrian part of the Netherlands, and concentrated near the city of Ghent, (Gand) in Belgium. On June 20th 1893 the government of the republic General States of the United Netherlands concluded to reorganize the Field Post service according to the advice of the Netherlandish post director, named L' Honore, a Frenchman. The postal route to The Hague via Ghent, Sockeren and Antwerp to the city of Dortrecht was established. In vain the Austrian Postmaster-General in the Netherlands, protested against this new postal route because it was an aggressive act in the privileged rights of

the Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire of German Nations. In accordance with the above mentioned conclusion of the Netherlandish republican government which was in effect in Holland and and West Friaul (Friesland), all mail for the Netherlandish army was collected at the city of Hague. From there the Field Post mail was forwarded each Monday and Thursday at 5 p. m., to Strigen-Sas, which took 6 to 7 hours by riding messengers and mail wagons. As the route ran over the Dutch Dieps (a sea) an "Entre Post Comptoir" (a kind of branch postal station) was established on the shore of the sea. At the southern shore, near Moerdijk the postal route ran over Flemish territory, at that time Austrian territory. In the Dutch city of Kortrijk, the army's headquarters of the Prince of Orange, the Field Post mail arrived on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Mail from the Netherlandish army was forwarded in the same way so that it reached Moerdijk Monday and Thursday evenings from where the mail was carried by postillons to the capital, Hague. Meantime the Austrians and Frenchmen had been driven out and the General States, a republic of the United Netherlands (Holland and Belgium) were free. By the peace of Vienna in 1815 the Netherlands were made a kingdom. But in 1830 Belgium achieved independence and was made a separate kingdom. This Field Post service was a master piece of a regular postal messenger service during war times.

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